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In re: Sumakeris *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/714,214
Filed: November 14, 2003
For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME

Confirmation No.: 2561
Group Art Unit: 1763

Date: March 2, 2004

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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicants hereby petition to grant the proper filing date of November 14, 2003 rather than November 17, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 14, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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On the basis that Applicants properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicants' belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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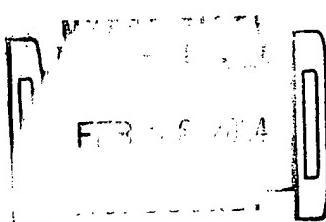
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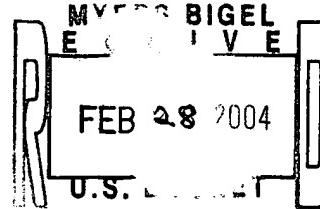
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This application is a CON of 10/017,492 10/30/2001

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Entitled: **INDUCTION HEATING DEVICES AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLABLY HEATING AN ARTICLE**

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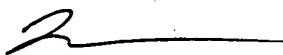
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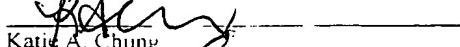
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